

The National *Falcon* News



**Larry and Charlene Bensheimer
Boggstown, Indiana**

1960 Falcon Ranchero



APRIL 2004

Larry Bensheimer found his 1960 Ranchero in a field near Tulsa, Oklahoma, where it had been sitting for ten years. He hauled it back to Indiana where it sat for another five years before he began his restoration.

He writes, "In the beginning, I got it running just to drive occasionally. The paint was cracked, the interior was gone, the bumpers were rusty and dead mice and nests were in the heater vent. Now the truck smells a whole lot better. My daughters called it "Dad's piece of you-know-what."

"A complete restoration, as all of you know, consists of a lot of time, money, and beer. After the Ranchero's restoration was finished, my wife and daughters wanted to go cruising with me. It is back to the original Corinthian White, red/white interior, 144 cu. in 6 cylinder engine with three on the tree and vacuum wipers."

Larry adds that the Ranchero has won First, Second and Third Place trophies.

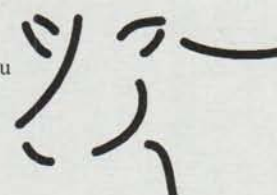
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President's Message

April showers bring May flowers—so they say. For us car buffs, it is more like—April Swap Meets bring the parts required to complete our Falcons. This may be a stretch, but the point is this: with April comes the beginning of the car show season in most parts of the Falcon World.

It seems to me that Swap Meets, like many other things, have changed over the past 25 years. I see less in the way of Falcon parts, and Maverick, Pinto or Granada parts are not replacing them. Much of the Collector Car hobby stopped with the early 70's cars. We don't need to go to swap meets to locate parts, we can go to parts vendors with 800 numbers and websites or eBay to find what we need—we can let our fingers do the walking. We can also sell via the Internet. The electronic world provides us access to parts and parts to folks that could never be reached before. So why would we want to spend a day, or even several days, looking through piles of parts in a parking lot or field? And why would a vendor want to haul all of those parts all over the country?

Don't get me wrong, I don't think that swap meets are a thing of the past, they are just different than they were 25 years ago. I think some of us, including me, will continue to go to swap meets just to see old friends and visit. We may find a great deal, but it is not a requirement, and not necessarily why we are there.

Then again, the swap meet may be the same, it could be me that has changed over the past 25 years.

Happy Spring!

Steve & Carol

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Pro Street—Pride and Joy



Dan and Penny Glasgow, of Greenback, Tennessee, have worked on this 1965 Futura 2 door hardtop Pro Street beauty for several years now, but it is still “a work in progress,” according to Dan. The paint is Russet Pearl Black. It has a tubbed Ford 9 inch rear end with ladder bar suspension and coil overs and 15x18½ rear tires. It is lowered, with shaved door handles and fuel fill, a 302 cubic inch engine with tunnel ram and two four barrel 600 Edelbrocks—all chromed with a 450 horsepower motor. It also sports a four

speed top loader tranny and customized all Tweed Lavender interior, including a custom console and high backed bucket seats. The trunk features a customized fiberglass rear spoiler that contours the body style and fiberglass molded in rear bumper.

Dan writes “We enjoy the cruise nights in town with other car enthusiasts. Our baby is street-driven to all local shows and cruise ins. Due to the unfortunate gas mileage (8 MPG), an eight gallon fuel cell and the price of 110 octane fuel, we only drive it locally and trailer it to long distance events.

We have been members of the Falcon Club of America for approximately seven years and we enjoy the National and Regional Shows we have attended; looking forward to more.”

Dan and Penny Glasgow—Greenback, Tennessee

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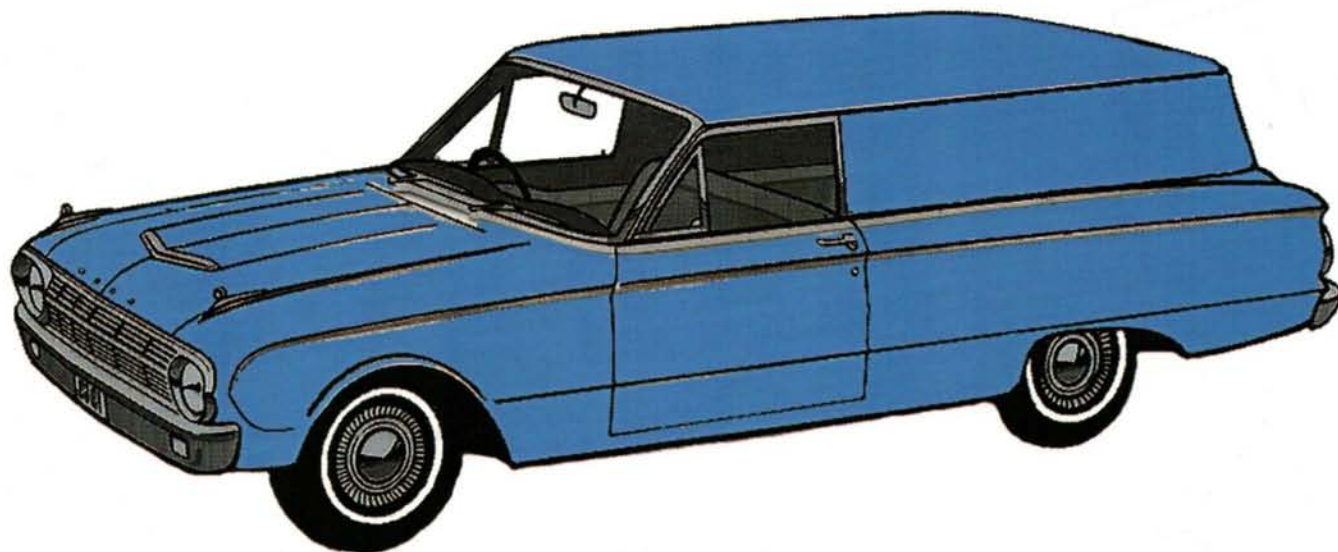




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Cliff McKay, North Central Regional Director and Wheat State Chapter President, sent this photo of his friend, Jim Roberts, launching his 1964 Sprint drag car on a 7.98 sec/quarter mile run at 170 MPH at Wichita International Raceway...

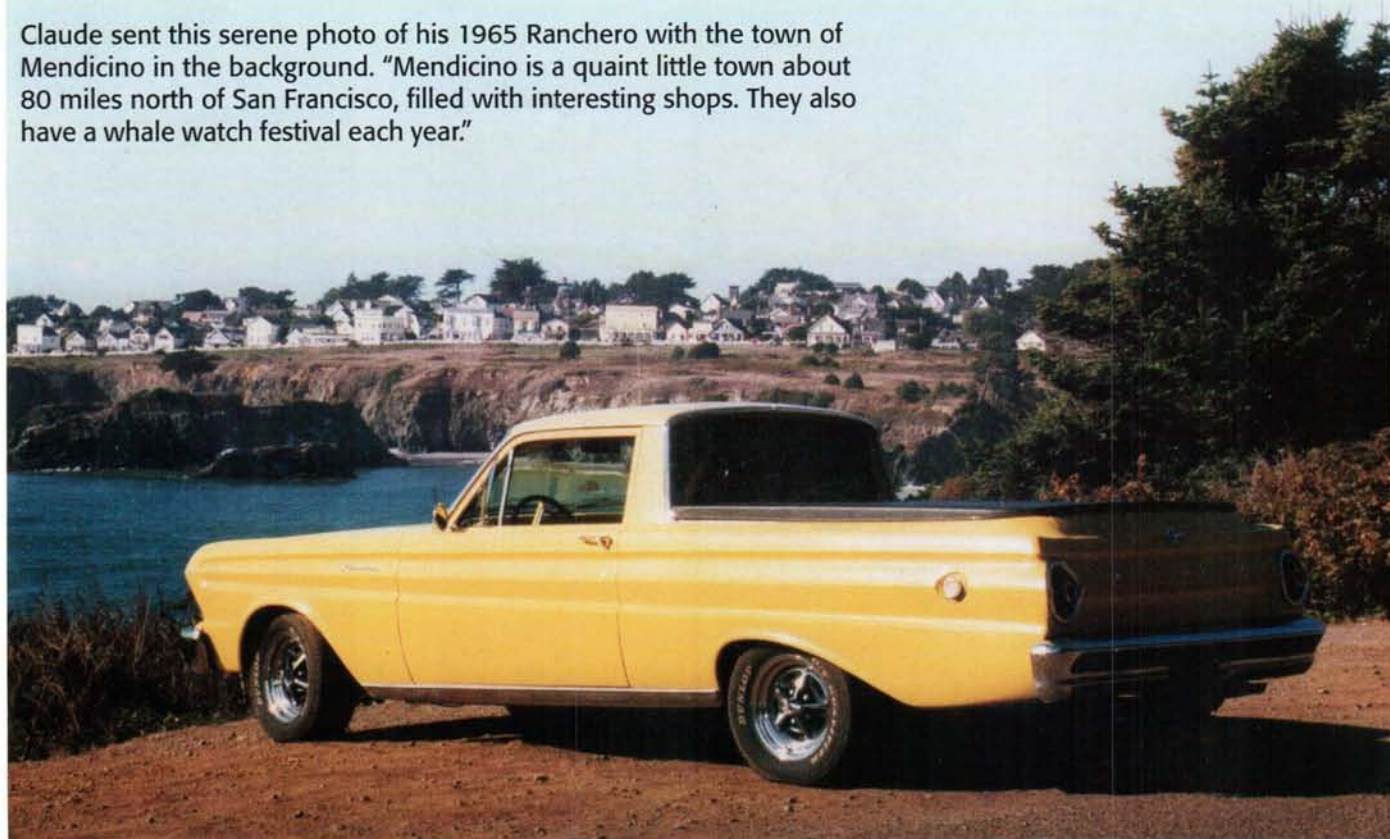
Cliff writes, "Ain't she sweet? Isn't it amazing what 500+ cubic inches of Big Block Ford will do to one of these little birds!"

Cliff is hoping to get Jim to bring it to Kansas City Nationals this summer for the Competition class!

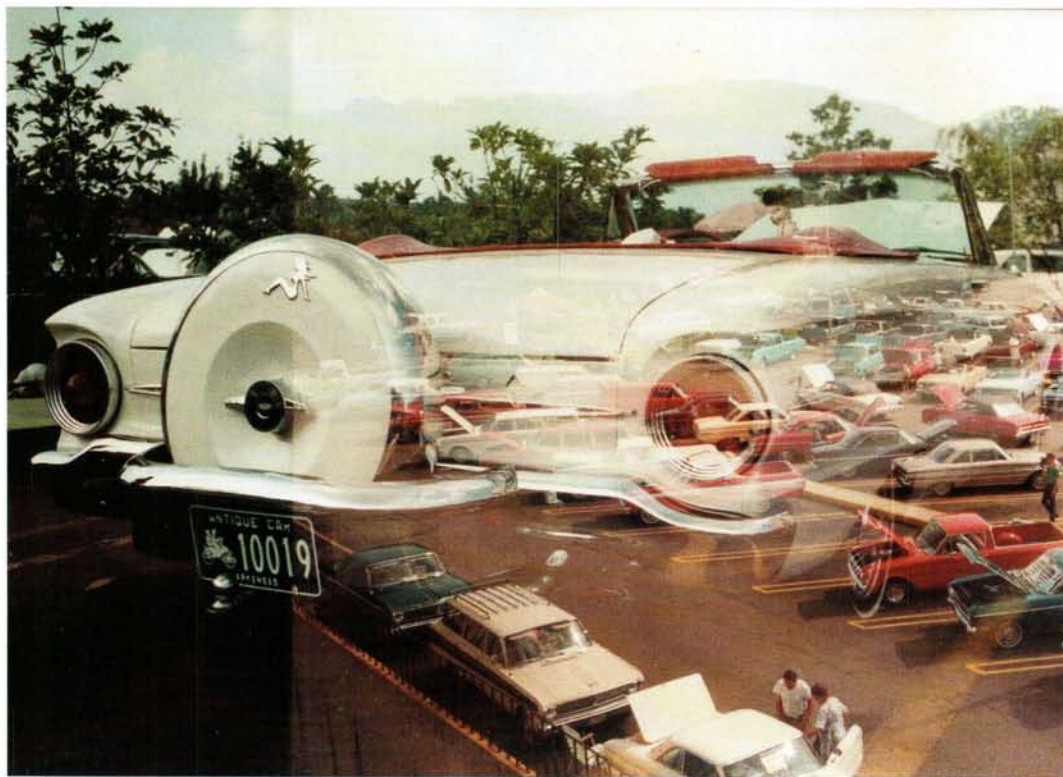


CLAUDE MAGILL—MENDICINO, CALIFORNIA

Claude sent this serene photo of his 1965 Ranchero with the town of Mendicino in the background. "Mendicino is a quaint little town about 80 miles north of San Francisco, filled with interesting shops. They also have a whale watch festival each year."



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take it to car shows, where it has won several trophies. Vinnie enjoys the comments people make about the Falcon even more than the trophies.

He just put on stainless steel brake lines, a new master cylinder and new front wheel cylinders, along with having the transmission rebuilt. Future projects include replacing the gas tank.

Vinnie finishes by saying "We love this car and plan to keep it a long time."

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JUNE 4-6, 2004

Carlisle All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA. Every entrant receives several Raffle tickets. This year, they are raffling off a White 1965 1/2 Mustang V8 Coupe on Sunday afternoon. Lots of vendors. Info: 703-799-0795.

JUNE 18-19, 2004

14th Annual Pacific Regional Meet, sponsored by the Sonoma County Chapter, Falcon Club of America. Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Exhibitor Fee: \$20 prior to June 1, 2004,

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SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2004

Keystone Chapter Regional Falcon Meet at the Midway Comfort Inn & Diner in Bethel, PA. More info and registration forms soon.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

8th Annual Fun Ford Sunday, Solano County Fairgrounds, Concord, CA. Sponsored by Nor-Cal Ford Club Council. Exhibitor Fee: \$20 in advance, \$30 at the gate. Information: PO Box 6682, Concord, CA 94524-1682. www.funfordsunday.com. Phone: 510-782-8074. This is an interclub event open to all Ford, Lincolns, and Mercurys. Benefits the Susan G. Komen breast cancer awareness foundation and other charities. It is expected that about 500 cars will be shown. This year will celebrate 65 years of Mercury, 50 years of F-100, 45 years of Galaxie, 40 years of Mustang, and 20 years of SVO.

OCTOBER 1-2, 2004

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1965 Falcon Futura 2 door. 6 cyl, auto. Runs good. Needs minor cosmetic repair. Make offer. John Tumicki, 228-762-1616 or j.j.tumicki@webtv.net

1965 Falcon Futura. 6 cyl, 220 auto. Ivy Gold inside and out. 83,900 original miles. 2 door with buckets and console. No power brakes or steering. New tires, new brakes, new battery. San Francisco Bay area car, garaged for 8 years. Looks great, runs even better. Original throughout and in great shape: dash, no cracks, AM radio, hubcaps, trunk liner, chrome bumpers. Headlights, glass all around. Original keys and owners manual. Everything works, lights, heater, radio, wipers. \$4200 OBO. Bruce Kleft, 510-657-8454. CA

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WANTED: 1963½ FALCON SPRINT. Convertible. Auto. Looking for my dream car, a clean, daily driver in very good condition inside and out. Already restored, close to it, or in great original shape. Please email photos and description to Tim Omundson, mayormctim@yahoo.com, or call 818-209-6706. Los Angeles, CA

Wanted: 1963½ Falcon Sprint or Futura Convertible. Prefer V-8. Must be restored NOS parts or excellent original stock condition. After a year of successful cancer treatments, I think I deserve a great toy! Greg Sovey, 808-826-9042 or gsovey@ficom.com. Kauai, HI

Wanted: 1966/1969 Ranchero, 4-door Futura, or wagon. No rust, good body, no engine needed. Declan Gardner, 636-947-8148 or dec318@aol.com. MO

PARTS WANTED

Power steering parts for 1964 Falcon convertible, 6 cylinder 200 engine. Need all

parts and any installation instructions to install. Need price and estimate of ship costs. Roy L. Merwin, 19437 N. Sombrero Cir., Sun City, AZ 85373, 623-977-4370.

Wanted: NOS only front R.H. fender apron that battery tray sits on for a late V-8 1963 Falcon. Steve Timm, 6620 Commercial Ave. Everett, WA 98203-09842. 425-355-5522

Wanted: NOS or good used ornament for 1961 Falcon deck lid. Phil Pitko, 269-665-4385 after 4 PM or 269-369-7217. MI

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Wanted: Silver or Gray armrests for 1960 2 door Falcon. Call Bob at 724-265-2765 or Robertbock54@aol.com. PA

1963 Falcon Deluxe 2 door wagon parts. They must be in excellent condition either NOS or used: front bumper, grill, h/l doors, parklamp/signal assemblies, hood chrome, side trim, bucket seats, power tailgate window parts, etc. Keith Litteken 11394 Revere Ln. St. Louis Mo. 63128-1416. 314-351-1789 or kslitteken@aol.com.

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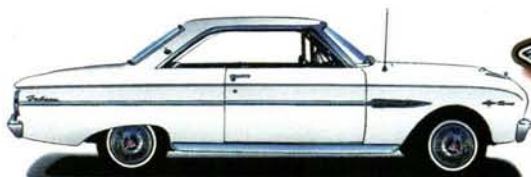
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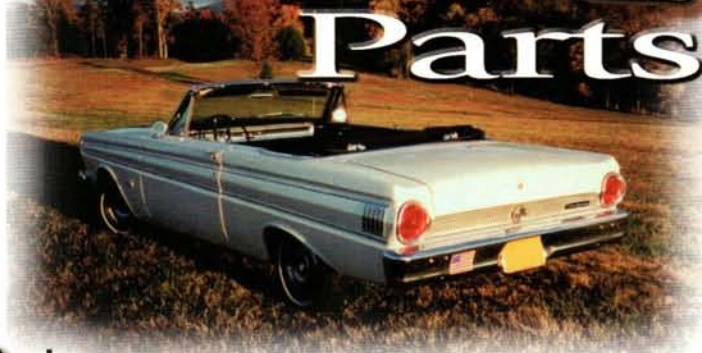
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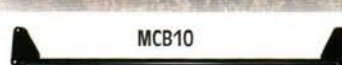
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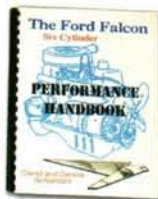
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CRUISE CONTROL

Although few of us have cruise control in our Falcons, this tip may help with traveling in your "other car."

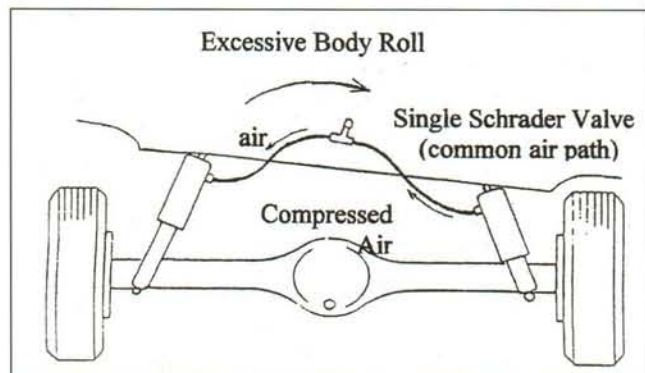
Experts have now confirmed a popular Internet rumor: cruise control causes hydroplaning accidents. How? "It keeps your car going at the same speed. But on a reduced traction surface, like water, your tires can lose contact with the road, causing the cruise control to sense that the car is slowing down. It tries to get you back up to speed, causing the wheels to spin faster on the slippery surface, making you hydroplane," according to Carles Butler of AAA. He concludes, "Never use cruise control in wet weather."

—From the Mason Dixon Chapter newsletter

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

If you are using, or thinking about using air shocks, you might want to consider installing two Schrader (fill) valves instead of just the one common valve. The reason: when you go around a curve or corner and the body leans, the common shock compresses, forcing its air through the common valve tee into the inboard shock, increasing its extension and causing excessive body roll. Not the best handling situation...

Two separate fill valves will cure this. An added bonus, you can also use the now independently adjustable shocks as weight jacks to tune your rear suspension for drag racing.



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CAR SHOW SEASON APPROACHING

When detailing your car's interior, try using "air in a can" or "air duster" to remove dust in those hard-to-reach nooks and crannies. It's the same stuff computer techs use to clean out your computer and it's available at computer or office supply stores for about \$6.

Submitted by Debi Pepers, Central California Chapter

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Dave Metterville's Blue Beauty



Dave Metterville of Spencer, Massachusetts has been working on this car for 5+ years. He reports, "This year will be the first year we drive her on the road."

Dave has a website devoted to the restoration which has been up for as long as he has been working on the Falcon. Check it out at www.spencerfalcon.com. These photos show the Falcon in April 2003 in Dave's yard.

"I think she has come out just great and would like to show the rest of the club. I also have a 1963 Ford Falcon Convertible that needs a new motor. That will be the next project when this one is all done."

